BRADLEY ST MARTIN (aka BILSTON ST MARTIN) (1865-....)

Parish History

In 1865 the parish of **BRADLEY ST MARTIN** was created from parts of **BILSTON ST MARY** and **COSELEY CHRIST CHURCH**.

Description of Church

The church was built 1866-8 (largely at the expense of William Baldwin) to designs by *George Bidlake of Wolverhampton, Staffs* and consecrated 14 Jan 1868. It was closed and demolished in the late 1970s. (In recent years services have been held in local school buildings).

Type of incumbent

Perpetual Curate	1865-1868
Vicar	1868-....

Patrons

Trustees	1865
Baldwin Pugh Trustees	1989

Parish Registers

The original registers for the period 1866-1963 (Bapts) & 1868-1960 (Mar) are deposited at Staffordshire Record Office. [There is no burial ground]

Bells

Special References

Principal Clergy

►**John Williamson c1826-....** **1865-....**
m Mary A. .....; (aged 35, b Ireland) 1871 C
(at Trinity College, Dublin)
(B.A.) 1867
(ordained deacon) 1864
(ordained priest) 1865
(Perpetual Curate/Vicar, Bradley St Martin, Staffs) 1865-
- (appointed) 1865
- (in office) 1870 [CLERGY LIST]
- (aged 55, b Ireland, of Bilston "Vicar of St Martins Church Bilston") 1871 C

chn: John Williamson (aged 15, b Ireland) 1871 C
Annie Williamson (aged 10 b Ireland) 1871 C
Robert Williamson (aged 8, b Ireland) 1871 C
Thomas Williamson b c1865; (aged 6, b Sheffield, Yorks) 1871 C
Martin Williamson b c1867; (aged 4, b Bilston) 1871 C
Maud Williamson (aged 2, b Bilston) 1871 C
Charles Williamson (aged 1, b Bilston) 1871 C

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►William Walker Chettle 1828-1899 **1876-1899**
c 29 Jul 1828 Bingham, Notts *son of William Chettle and Ann (.....)*
m Annie O. .....; d 27 Mar 1890; M.I. (Window) (Bradley St Martin) [below]; (aged 56,
b Bingham, Notts) 1881 C
d *aged 72[sic]* 10 Aug 1899 Wolverhampton RD
(at St Aidan's Theological College) 1864
(ordained deacon by Winchester) 1866
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1867
(Stipendiary Curate, Aldershot) 1866-8
(Stipendiary Curate, Derby Christ Church) 1868-70
(Assoc. Sec. Irish Church Missions, West Midland District) 1870-6
(Vicar, Bradley St Martin, Staffs) 1876-d
- (aged 52, b Bingham, Notts, of "St Martin's Vicarage", King Street, Bilston "Vicar of Bradley") 1881 C
chn: Frank Chettle (aged 23, b Bingham, Notts) 1881 C
Katherine Chettle (aged 18, b Bingham, Notts) 1881 C
Florence Chettle (aged 15, b Birkenhead, Cheshire) 1881 C
Beatrice Chettle (aged 13, b Hants) 1881 C

(Bradley St Martin) This window was erected by the Parishioners in loving memory of the Rev. W. W. Chettle, who for 27 years laboured to the Glory of God, as Vicar of this parish, died August 10th, 1899. Also Annie, his beloved wife, who died March 27th, 1890.

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►Sampson Cordon c1854-.... **1899-....**
b c1854 Liverpool
m Agnes .....; (aged 43, b Liverpool) 1901 C
(at St Aidan's Theological College) 1876
(ordained deacon by Chester) 1878
(Stipendiary Curate, Liverpool St Aidan) 1878-80
(ordained priest by Chester) 1879
(Stipendiary Curate, Wolverhampton St Matthew, Staffs) 1880-4
(Stipendiary Curate, Wolverhampton St Jude, Staffs) 1884-9
(Chaplain, Wolverhampton Union, Staffs) 1884-9
(Vicar, Wolverhampton St Matthew, Staffs) 1889-99
(Vicar, Bradley St Martin, Staffs) 1899-p1906
- (aged 46, b Liverpool of "St Martins Vicarage", Bilston "Clerk in holy orders") 1901 C
chn: Myrah Cordon (aged 21, b Liverpool) 1901 C
Archibald Cordon (aged 17, b Wolverhampton) 1901 C
Edith Cordon (aged 16, b Wolverhampton) 1901 C
Percical Cordon (aged 10, b Wolverhampton) 1901 C
Constance Cordon (aged 7, b Wolverhampton) 1901 C
Irene Cordon (aged 5, b Wolverhampton) 1901 C
Kathleen Cordon (aged 1, b Wolverhampton) 1901 C

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►Charles Oliver Haden 1881-.... **1919-....**
b cAug 1881 Aston RD, Warwicks
(at Lichfield Theological College) 1908

(at Hatfield College, Durham)
(L.Th.)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1909
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1911
(Stipendiary Curate, Wolverhampton St Mark, Staffs) 1909-13
(B.A.) 1913
(Stipendiary Curate, Darlaston St Lawrence, Staffs) 1913-9
(M.A.) 1919
(Vicar, Bradley St Martin, Staffs) 1919-p1936

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►John Beecroft Girling 1910-1979 **1939-1942**
b 31 Jan 1910 Eton RD, Bucks *[? son of Henry Havelock Girling]*
d *aged 69* cFeb 1979 Salisbury RD
(Vicar, Bradley St Martin, Staffs)
- (in office) 1939-42

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Assistant Clergy

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►William Laurence Cotter e1830-.... **1868-1870**
(at Trinity College, Dublin)
(ordained deacon by Bp Trower *pro* Lichfield) 1868
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1869
(Stipendiary Curate, Bradley St Martin, Staffs) 1868-70
(Stipendiary Curate, Peterborough St John) 1871

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►Thomas Charles Hairs 1849-1919 **1874-1876**
b cMay 1849 Birmingham RD
m 1876 Birmingham: Caroline Elizabeth Young; b c1852
d cFeb 1919 Shardlow RD, Derbys
(at Birmingham Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1874
(Stipendiary Curate, Bradley St Martin, Staffs) 1874-6
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1875
(Stipendiary Curate, Lower Gornal, Staffs) 1876-7
(Stipendiary Curate, Cannock, Staffs) 1877-9
(Stipendiary Curate, Mile End All Saints, Stepney) 1879-81
(Stipendiary Curate, Stratford-le-Bow) 1881-3
(Stipendiary Curate, Alvaston-cum-Boulton, Derbys) 1883-4
(Vicar, Alvaston, Derbys) 1884-p1906
chn: [7 chn]

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►John Cresswell c1859-.... **1884-1887**
m Annie .....; (aged 42, b Walsall) 1901 C
- (aged 42, b Walsall, of 5 Wellington Road, Bilston "Clergyman Church of England") 1901 C
(at Lichfeld Theological College) 1882
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1884
(Stipendiary Curate, Bradley St Martin, Staffs) 1884-7
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1885
(Stipendiary Curate, Bilston [? St Leonard], Staffs) 1887-1908

(Chaplain, Wolverhampton Union, Staffs) 1890-1908
(Vicar, Wolverhampton St James, Staffs) 1908-19
(Vicar, Shareshill, Staffs) 1919-25
chn: Norris J. Cresswell (aged 14, b Walsall) 1901 C
Cyril Leonard Cresswell b cMay 1890 Wolverhampton RD; (aged 10, b Bilston) 1901 C; (B.A., Cambridge) 1915; (clergyman) [see CROCKFORD]
Hilda A. Cresswell (aged 9, b Bilston) 1901 C
Dora M. H. Cresswell (aged 7, b Bilston) 1901 C

John Cresswell, M.A., of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge He is remembered as a very jovial fellow. He was a good preacher and used no notes. His son, Cyril, was also a parson, and his daughter married the Vicar of Bushbury. [SHARESHILL HISTORY W.I.]

►Thomas Walter Gunton 1852-1916 **1888-1892**
b cFeb 1852 Whitechapel RD, Middx
d *aged 64* 14 Jan 1916; i Kennardington; M.I. [below]
(at St Aidan's Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1883
(Stipendiary Curate, Walsall Wood, Staffs) 1883-8
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1884
(Stipendiary Curate, Bradley St Martin, Staffs) 1888-92
(Stipendiary Curate, Sedgley -----, Staffs) 1894-7
(Stipendiary Curate, Blakenall Heath, Staffs) 1894-7
(Vicar, Highley, Salop) 1897-1901
(Rector, Kennardington, Kent) 1901-d

(Kennardington) Thomas Walter Gunton. Rector of this parish for nearly 15 years. Died 14 January 1916 aged 64.

►Frederick Charles Witty 1860-?1943 **1894-1897**
b 7 Apr 1860 Fallowfield near Manchester *son of John Witty of 6, Alexander Road, Southport, Lancs merchant*
(educated at Blackpool College)
(admitted pensioner at Corpus Christi, Cambridge) 1 Oct 1880
(matriculated) Michs 1880
(B.A.) 1884
(ordained deacon by York) 1885
(Stipendiary Curate, Goole, Yorks) 1885-7
(ordained priest by York) 1886
(Stipendiary Curate, Barking, Essex) 1888
(Stipendiary Curate, Fishponds, Glos) 1889-91
(Stipendiary Curate, Wednesfield St Thomas, Staffs) 1892-4
(Stipendiary Curate, Bradley St Martin, Staffs) 1894-7
(Stipendiary Curate, Brightside, Sheffield, Yorks) 1898-1900
(Stipendiary Curate, Purston, Yorks) 1900-1
(Stipendiary Curate, Ferry Frystone, Yorks WR) 1901-2
(in retirement of Chorlton-on-Medlock)
(disappears from Crockford) 1943

►William Henry Fletcher 1868-.... **1900-1909**
b 1 Nov 1868 Rudyard by Leek, Staffs *son of John Fletcher*
(educated at Denstone College)
(admitted pensioner at Queens College, Cambridge) Michs 1889 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1889
(B.A.) 1892
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1894
(Stipendiary Curate, Wolverhampton St Matthew, Staffs) 1894-1900
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1895

(M.A.) 1896
(Stipendiary Curate, Bradley St Martin, Staffs) 1900-9
(Stipendiary Curate, Alton, Staffs) 1909-16
(Stipendiary Curate, Cannock, Staffs) 1916-9
(Vicar, Wolverhampton St James, Staffs) 1919-p1942

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►**Andrew Forster c1885-....** **1909-1912**
(at Hatfield Hall, Durham)
(B.A.) 1911
(at St Aidan's Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1909
(Stipendiary Curate, Bradley St Martin, Staffs) 1909-12
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1910
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Werrington, Staffs) 1912-4
(Stipendiary Curate, Bilston St Leonard, Staffs) 1915-p1920
(Perpetual Curate, Chell, Staffs) 1925-....
(Chaplain, Chell Institute, Staffs) 1927-....